



Crows and Snake

Instructive Stories from teachings of

Pancha-Tantra

Once upon a time there lived a crow and his wife in a nest which they built on a huge banyan tree.



*One day the she crow laid
eggs in her nest.*



After some days, the eggs hatched
and three baby crows came out.



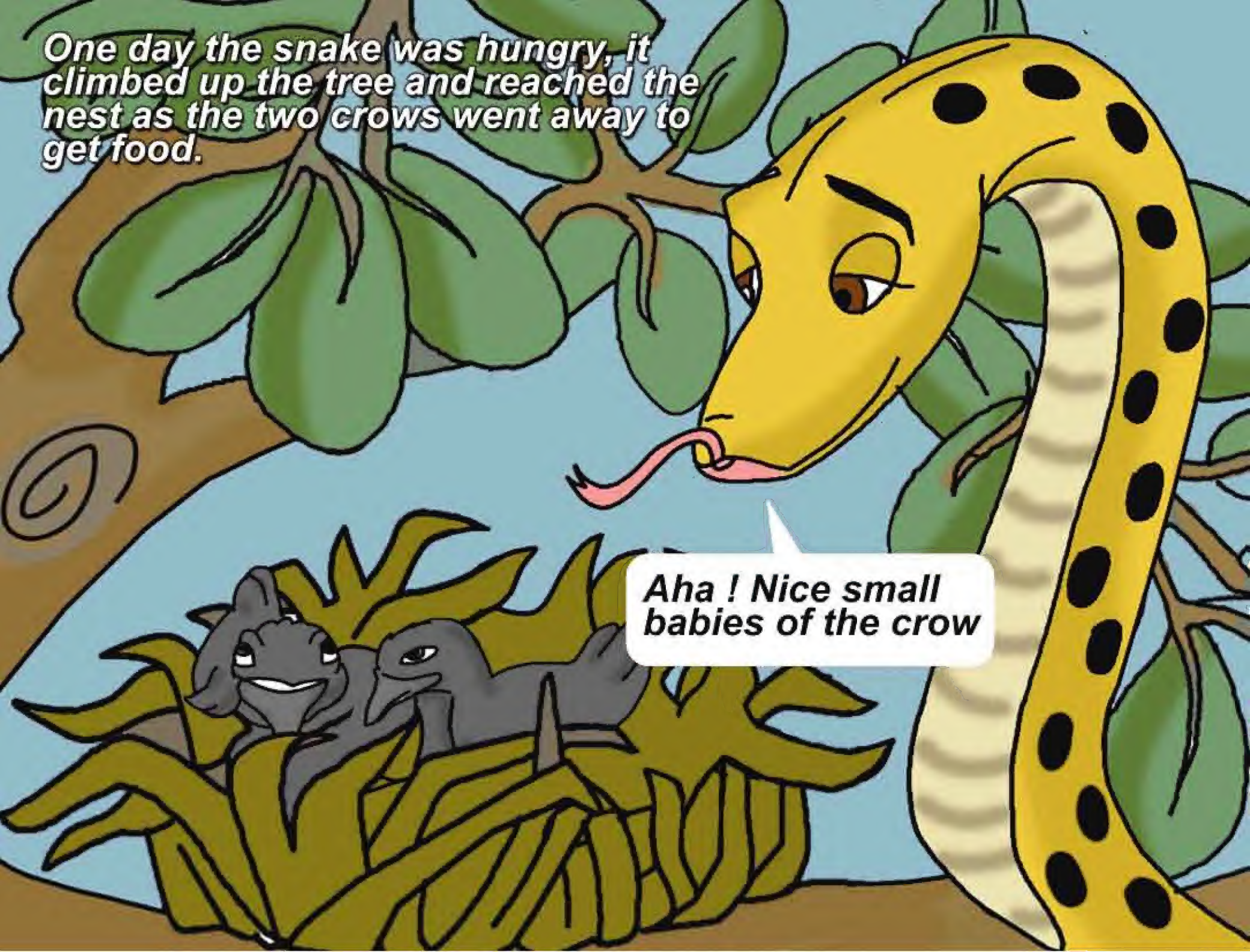
**Everyday the crows started going out
in search of food.**



*After some days, a snake started
living in the hole of the banyan tree.*



One day the snake was hungry, it climbed up the tree and reached the nest as the two crows went away to get food.



Aha ! Nice small babies of the crow

*He ate the babies of the crow.
And climbed down the tree.*



**In the evening the crows returned
to the nest and they saw that their
nest was empty. Their babies were
not there in the nest**

**They got worried and started
crying.**



**Listening to their
cries, the crows from
the neighbourhood
arrived there...**

**Why are you
crying ?**

**Our kids are lost and
anyone of you have
seen them.**

After some days, the she crow
again laid eggs.



*But this time also the
snake ate the babies.*



The crows were very upset so they decided not to leave the babies alone.

So next time when the babies were hatched, only the he crow would go out to search food.



...While the she crow stayed back in the nest looking after the babies.

Inspite of tring her best to protect
the babies, she could not save the
babies. The snake ate all of them.



In the evening, the she crow told everything to the he crow and he said that now they will go to the old fox to get his advice. And he will surely find some solution to their problem. The crows flew to the cave where the old fox lived. They told the whole story to the clever fox.



The fox thought for some time and then suggested them a plan.

Both the crows flew above that river where the princess came to take bath. There were two guards watching the Princess's clothes and jewellery.



The she crow quietly came down and took the diamond necklace of the princess.



Seeing the crows fly away, the guards ran behind them carrying their swords and sticks.



**When the crows reached the banyan tree,
she crow dropped the necklace in the
snake's hole in the tree.**



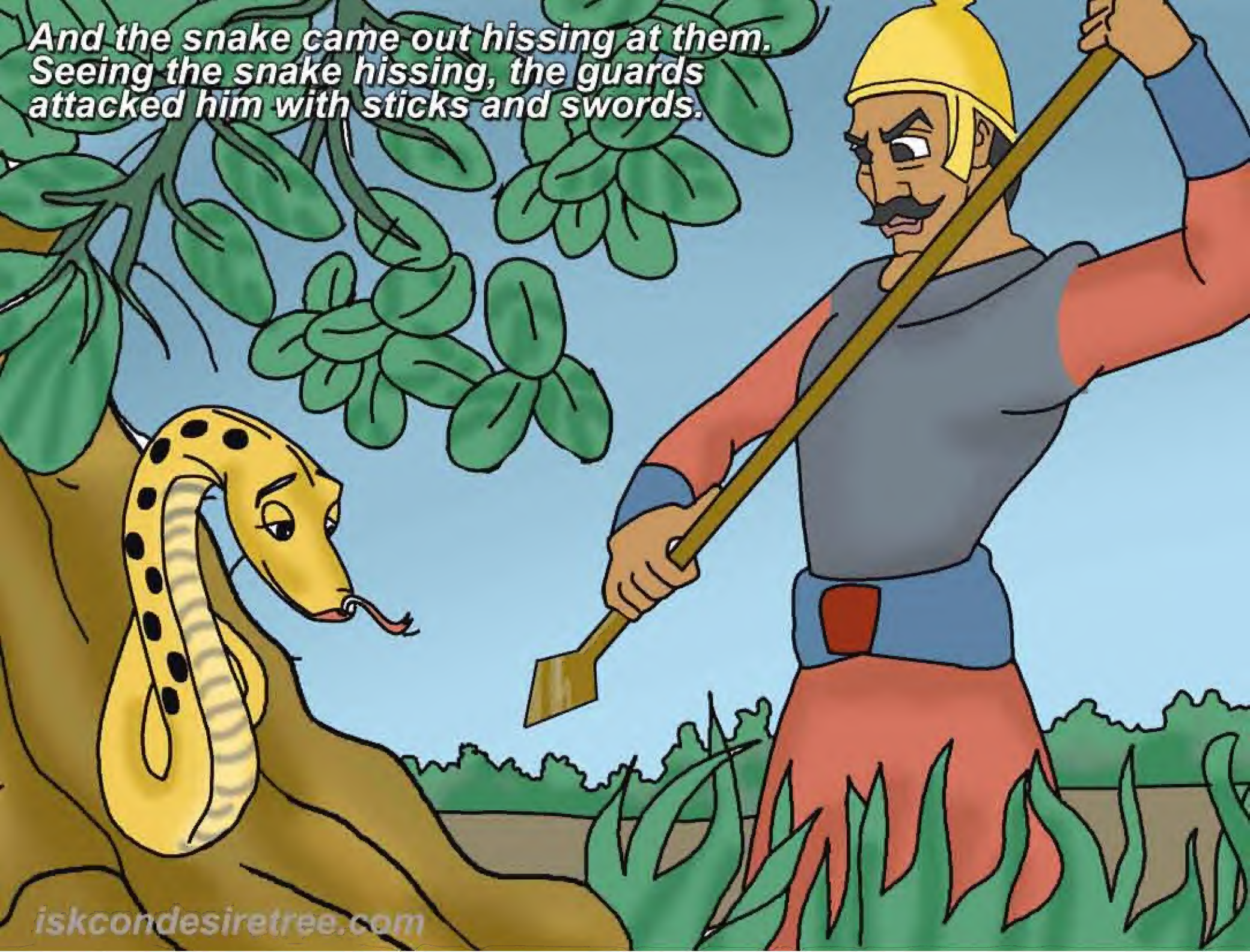
and soon the guards arrived there.



The guards tried to take the necklace from the snake's hole.



*And the snake came out hissing at them.
Seeing the snake hissing, the guards
attacked him with sticks and swords.*



They killed the snake.



Then they removed the necklace
from the hole and went back to the
princess.



MORAL :

***When you are in trouble, you should not
hesitate in taking help from others.***